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Is your family cyber safe?

For the third year, Newport Mesa students grades K-12 will be engaged in learning activities regarding cyber safety during N-MUSD's Cyber Smart Weeks,

October 24 through November 4, 2011. N-MUSD will also be hosting a district-wide family information night on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Center Boardroom, 2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, Ca. For more information, please visit <http://web.nmusd.us/cybersafety>

Technology makes it so easy for kids to connect and share things with friends and family no matter where they are. But these connections can come with a huge cost if kids aren't careful. Learning to

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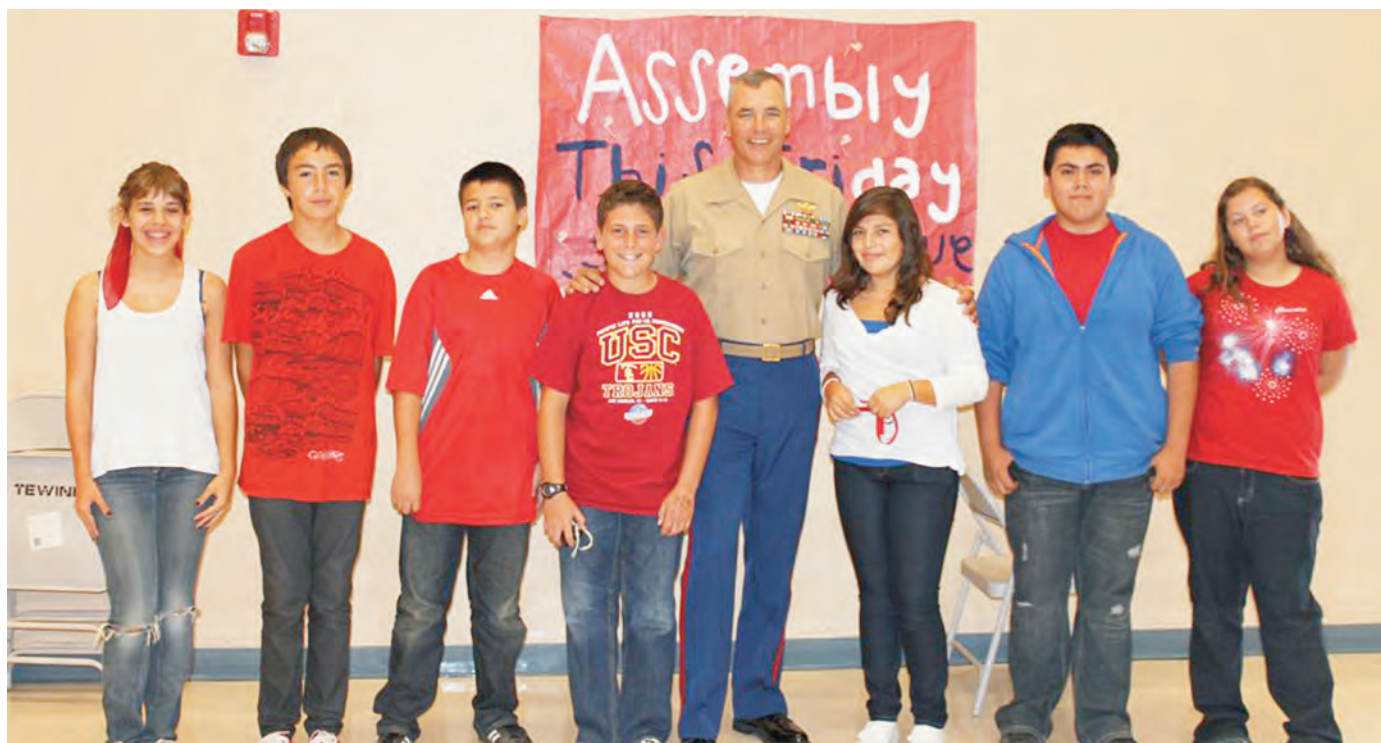
¿Está su familia segura en el ciberespacio?

Por 3ª vez, los estudiantes de grados Kinder a 12º de Newport-Mesa participarán en actividades de aprendizaje acerca de la seguridad en el ciberespacio durante las Semanas de N-MUSD para Volverse Ciberlisto, N-MUSD's Cyber Smart Weeks, del 24 de octubre al 4 de noviembre de 2011. El Distrito N-MUSD también patrocinará una noche informativa para las familias de todo el distrito el miércoles 19 de octubre de 2011, 6:00 p.m., en la Sala d la Mesa Directiva del Consejo del Centro de Educación, 2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, Ca. Para información, por favor visite nuestra página Web: <http://web.nmusd.us/cybersafety>

La tecnología permite a los niños y adolescentes conectarse fácilmente y compartir cosas con amigos y familiares, no importa donde estén. Pero

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Student Assembly Commemorating 9/11



TeWinkle's 9/11 student assembly speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles K. Eckoff with the staff of TMS Times, the student publication. Sergeant Eckoff is the only Marine on active duty with three Bronze stars. (Please see Twinkle Middle School page 15.)

Eat an Enchilada, Help a Student

By Pat Courter, Vice-President, Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation

The Newport Mesa Schools Foundation is very excited to offer a culinary demonstration and dinner at Taco Rosa Restaurant on Saturday, October 29, at 3 p.m. The event will include a live cooking demonstration by Taco Rosa owner and Chef Ivan Calderon, as well as a tequila tasting. There is a \$30-per-person donation that supports the Schools Foundation. The menu features ancho chile corn tortilla enchiladas filled with Oaxaca cheese and onions. These will be bathed in homemade Texas beef and pork chile. Dinner will be served with Mexican rice and a sweet corn tomalito. Taco Rosa is located at 2632 San Miguel Rd., Newport Beach, Calif. 92660. Their phone is (949) 720-0980. Reservations should be made at Taco Rosa's website, www.tacorosa.com.

Another way you can have a delicious meal and support the Schools Foundation is to eat at any one of the six Taco Mesa or Taco Rosa locations every Monday during October. Please go to our website and print the Taco Rosa, Taco Mesa flyer. During the month of October, Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation will receive 15 percent of revenues from sales generated upon the presentation of the flyer.

These fund-raisers are more important than ever this year because our funds are down quite a bit because of the economy. Teachers need our grants more than ever because of budget cuts. Another thing you can do is to become a member of the Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation. Your membership allows us to continue helping the teachers and students of our district. To become a member, please go to our website or call our office. See you at Taco Rosa!

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Kay Coop
Founder / Publisher



As we begin our 8th Anniversary publishing the excellence from N-MUSD, it is worth noting that the academic choices and challenges for students just keeps improving and increasing. You may have experienced struggling to figure out your phone, computer program or new gadget only to have a child/grandchild patiently show you how to solve your problem. That not only brings to mind how much I don't know, but how much the teachers have to know to keep up with technology in the classroom. It continues to be a privilege to publish *School News* and thank you for reading. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Change Your Clock and Batteries

It is a proven fact that smoke alarms save hundreds of lives each year. By sounding an alarm and giving people time to escape, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a house fire in half. A majority of residential structure fires occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and early detection of these fires is usually the key to survival. Smoke Alarms and residential sprinklers are critical elements to saving lives and property.

Additionally, per California Senate Bill 183, beginning July 1, 2011, all existing single family homes must have carbon monoxide alarms. All other types of residences (apartments, condominiums, etc.) will need carbon monoxide (CO) alarms beginning January 1, 2013. The law does not designate local fire departments as enforcing agencies. The new requirements apply if ANY of the following are present within a home: Attached garage; Natural gas or propane furnace and/or natural gas range and/or oven, or Gas or wood-burning fireplace.

For existing homes, the CO alarms may be battery powered. At a minimum, CO alarms are required outside of each sleeping area or bedroom and on each level of the home

Therefore, maintaining smoke and CO alarms is just as important as having them. An alarm device that doesn't work is like not having one at all. Alarms should be cleaned at least once a year, batteries should never be "borrowed" to use someplace else, and batteries should be tested once a month.

The Newport Beach Fire Department urges all Americans to adopt a lifesaving habit of changing smoke and CO alarm batteries when clocks are changed back from daylight-savings time each Fall. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6 when we turn our clocks back one hour. Change your battery on that Sunday and then, remember to do it again in the spring when you set your clock forward.

Once the batteries have been changed, be sure to test the alarms. This simple act will help protect you and your family in the event of a fire.

For additional information contact the Newport Beach Fire Department.

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The Gift Of History Event—November 8



William M. Habermehl
Superintendent

The Gift of History event began four years ago in the city of Anaheim. All third graders in the city were invited to the event, which celebrated Anaheim's history and literacy development. Each student in attendance received a backpack with school supplies and a children's history book. The success of this program inspired the Children's Education Foundation of Orange County to expand the program county wide.

This year, the program will be held on Tuesday, November 8, at Angel Stadium, from 10:30 – 11:20 a.m.

This memorable learning experience will kick off subsequent lessons addressing third-grade content standards in social studies and language arts.

Thirty five thousand third grade students from across Orange County are invited to participate in breaking the Guinness world record for the largest history lesson ever delivered. On this day, students will actively participate in an interactive history lesson about Orange County and its cities. Each student in attendance will receive a backpack, a copy of *Nothing Rhymes with Orange* by Stan Otfelie, school supplies, and a unique experience at Angel Stadium.

The program is intended to serve multiple purposes:

- Support implementation of Common Core State Standards
- Integrate literacy and history-social science
- Instill appreciation for and a sense of connection to Orange County and student's home cities
- Develop an understanding of how history affects each of us and our potential to affect the future
- Learn about the people who have made a difference in Orange County
- Recognize that history is alive and all around us and the "big idea" that things change over time

As a key sponsor, Disney's production company will coordinate this outstanding academic and entertaining event. Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is developing a classroom guide to support instruction and use of the book *Nothing Rhymes with Orange*. OCDE is providing academic oversight to the event to ensure it is a meaningful, standards-based, academic learning experience for all participating students.

The Children's Education Foundation of Orange County has committed to supporting transportation to The Gift of History event. They will work with district transportation directors to coordinate and oversee transportation logistics. Upon registration, participating schools will be invited to contact the Children's Education Foundation of Orange County for transportation information.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact Vicki Green, Executive Director, Children's Education Foundation of Orange County, at vgreen@giftofhistory.org.

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October & November birthdays.

Financial Tips

Safeguard Yourself from Identity Theft (Part II)



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When someone's identity is stolen, the impact is not only financial and credit-wise but also emotional. It becomes very personal and for some people it feels like someone literally has broken into their home. It's best to arm yourself against being a victim than having to go through the hassle of clearing your name. Prevention and awareness are your first lines of defense against this crime that has grown globally. Below are tips to protect yourself from Identity Theft:

- **Create Strong Passwords** – Avoid using passwords that are easy to configure. Using your birth date, social security number, a series of consecutive numbers or alphabet, your first name or last name is not recommended. Instead, create passwords that contain letters, numbers and symbols. Do not share your passwords with anyone.
- **Monitor Your Credit Report** – You should monitor your credit report at least once a year. Order a free copy of your credit report from the three credit reporting agencies every year. Make sure it's accurate and includes only those activities you've authorized. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to download your free annual reports.
- **Watch What You Share** – Your personal information such as your birth date, social security number and name can be used to open new accounts under your name. Be careful who you share it with. Shred personal documents or credit card bills before throwing them out. Also, be very careful when sharing personal information online.
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Adams *Elementary (K-6)*

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Gabriel DelReal
Principal

Remembrance Ceremony

Adams Elementary School hosts a community Flag Deck every Friday morning. All staff, students, and their families assemble on the black top for this special weekly event.

On Friday, September 09, 2011 the students, staff and community members at Adams Elementary assembled on the black top for a special 9-11 remembrance ceremony. Scouts from pack 188 and a group of daily flag deck volunteer students read a passage discussing the symbolism of the American Flag while drawing attention to the red, white, and blue electric candles that were lit during the ceremony. All students were then asked to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by a school wide chorus of "You're a Grand Old Flag". Everyone present was deeply moved by the statement, "The flag stands for my home, your home, and everything and everyone we hold dear."



Back Bay/Monte Vista

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High School



Debbie Lucker Davis
Principal

Academic Options

Back Bay Continuation High School and Monte Vista Independent High School are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offer A-G coursework for students desiring admission to a California state university. Students must meet the same graduation requirements as all other students in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Back Bay High School students attend school daily and complete five classes every 60 days. By the end of the year, students who have successfully completed all course work will earn 75 credits. All work is completed in class and consists of textbook work, projects, online instruction, group work, and supplemental assignments. Seniors may request to test out of failed classes and may request to graduate early. The majority of students enrolled in Back Bay are juniors and seniors.

Prior to applying to Monte Vista High School, students must have successfully completed 120 credits, passed the California Exit tests in English language arts and math, and be able to demonstrate evidence of academic ability. Monte Vista students attend school once weekly for a minimum of two hours and complete one class at a time. Most classes take three weeks to complete. Students who work, have medical issues, or are involved in high-level competitive sports appreciate the flexibility of continuing high school independently. Some students like to complete one subject at a time and appreciate the flexibility of being able to work on their own.

If you are interested in either program, speak to your high school counselor or assistant principal.

Roy O. Andersen *Elementary (K-6)*

1900 Port Seabourne Way, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6935



Laura Vlasic
Principal

Respect, Responsibility, Readiness and Recycle

Andersen Elementary School kicked off the 2011-2012 school year by focusing on its motto of, "Hit the Ground Learning ...As We Reach For the Stars!"

To ensure a safe and positive learning environment, our staff and students participate in the schoolwide Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) program. PBS provides a systematic approach to discipline. It helps develop behavioral expectations based upon effective communication, positive rewards and the collection and analysis of data.

All K-6 students rotate through learning stations that are strategically placed around the campus. At each station our staff members teach and reinforce the school rules and expectations that focus on our traditional 4-Rs: those of respect, responsibility, readiness and recycle.

The Andersen staff is committed to providing a quality educational program for all of its students. And PBS helps to support and maintain a safe learning environment while also promoting a positive and nurturing school culture.

One of our goals is to look for students who are behaving in the right way, and then reward them for their positive behavior. So when they are "caught" doing things correctly they are given a PRIDE ticket that can be entered in a drawing for fun prizes at the Friday Flag Deck.

As we continue to strive in our Professional Learning Community we are so excited to implement these 4-Rs and focus on student learning. We want to create an environment where all of our students can feel successful!

California *Elementary (K-6)*

3232 California Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7940



Matthew Broesamle
Principal

Green Up Our Schools

On Monday September 12th, California Elementary School's Green Team was honored with the Mesa Green Design Award from the City of Costa Mesa Planning Commission. The award was presented to Cindy Ronquillo, a 2nd/3rd grade teacher, and several of the participating students on the Green Team in recognition for their work with the Green Up Our Schools program.

The Green Team works hard throughout the school year to educate the campus on ways to conserve and recycle. The team of students meets once a week in Mrs. Ronquillo's classroom at lunch time to plan events and discuss ways to creatively spread the word on going green. One thing the Green Team has done for our school is provide each classroom with a bin for recycling paper.



College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

2380 Notre Dame Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7960



Julie McCormick
Principal

Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom

We are excited about the new school year and welcome new staff members Paul Leedy, music teacher, and Kelly Gerula, school psychologist.

Learning takes place in various forms both in and outside the classroom. Under the direction of fifth grade teacher Amanda Burns, this marks the fourth year of College Park's dynamic recycling program, recently awarded the Costa Mesa Green Design Award. Students at College Park apply to be part of the "Green Team" and are given a variety of duties around campus. Students audit classrooms in order to recognize those who are doing a great job of sorting classroom recyclables. Students also help train other students during our zero waste lunch time. Students compost food scraps, collect juice pouches for terra-cycling, and recycle cardboard lunch trays. The Green Team attends field trips to a local recycle plant and landfill. This year, students will participate in a beach clean up so that they can learn firsthand how carelessness affects our local beaches. Overall, this program has changed the culture on campus. Students have been inspired to pick up campus litter and they are encouraged to share their ideas on ways to cut waste. College Park Cougars are taking pride in being "green!"



Costa Mesa *High School (7-12)*

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Aaron Peralta
Principal, 7-8
Grade



Phil D'Agostino
Principal, 9-12
Grade

MESA Takes Off at Costa Mesa High School.

Of the many innovations in place at Costa Mesa High School, one of the most promising programs is the school's Math, Engineering, Science (MESA) Program. Designed to engage students in higher levels of learning and thinking, this program focuses on task and problem solving situation as well as critical thinking applications, in a competitive format. Staffed with three full time teachers, two at the high school level and one at the Middle School level, the MESA program has allowed students

from CMHS/MS to express themselves in these classes in ways that are unconventional and engaging. The MESA Program will eventually be a school wide program not unlike our nationally recognized Business Academy and our Environmental and Marine Sciences Academy. Coupled with the programs going on at the Davis Magnet School in Science and Math, CMHS/MS is excited about leading its students towards greater success in the math and science fields.

Corona Del Mar *High School (7-12)*

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Guy Olguin
Principal, 7-8
Grade



Tim Bryan
Principal, 9-12
Grade

An Active Role For the Community

Welcome back to school!

Our campus has seen many changes during the summer. Much of the trenching for the new buildings has been completed, and the 400- and 600-buildings have been taken down as well. Our Foundation also sponsored a thorough renovation of the large gym, and 800 new lockers are now being installed around the campus.

All of these improvements reflect the great support that our parents and community have provided to CdM. They know that our own mission is to provide the best academic, social and emotional growth opportunities for our students.

This year will bring a visit from a Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team (WASC) in March. Our staff has been preparing for this visit for the past year. For months they have been reviewing our academic-outcome data, which is the information that has been gathered through surveys as well as anecdotally from staff, students and parents.

From this data we will identify three areas of growth and then develop an action plan. The role of the visiting committee is to validate this self-study and the areas which are identified and confirmed by the plan.

The entire CdM staff is grateful for the tremendous support it gets from our PTA, Boosters and Foundation. Without their help we could not have successfully supported our students. We are also grateful for the active parental role it takes to guide children through these critical high school years.

I am looking forward to another year of success for our students.

Davis *Magnet School (K-6)*

1050 Arlington Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7930



Dr. Kevin Rafferty
Principal

Safety Plan at Davis Magnet School:

Preparedness should be addressed by each of us at home, in our vehicles, and at our workplace.

Highlights of Our Comprehensive Safety Plan:

- Parents must sign out their child(ren). Parents, the area to sign-out your child would be located at the lunch tables on the play ground next to the grass field and our relocatable classrooms.
- This is why your child's Emergency Card is so important. Your child's Emergency Card indicates the individuals to whom you give us permission to release your child. Your child's emergency card also contains all of your personal contact information. Be sure to come into the office and make any updates to the card should your information change at any point in time.

Bottom line:

- Make a plan.
- Assemble disaster preparedness kits in your home, in your vehicles, and at work.



Eastbluff *Elementary (K-6)*

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Filled to the Brim

As we begin the new school year, we continue our Eastbluff School commitment to teach our students strong character traits and display scholarly positive behaviors. This is achieved through the focus on school-wide positive reinforcement and character development based on the John Wooden Pyramid of Pride. Eastbluff has a positive school-wide behavior system which clearly defines expected behaviors in all the different settings on campus. We reinforce our high expectations on an individual basis with our pride tickets and pride awards.

We also continue to fill each other's buckets with positive words and actions. We learned that everyone has a bucket inside, and this is really our self esteem. This program is modeled after *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* and *How Full Is Your Bucket?* The five main strategies we are implementing are: prevent bucket dipping; shine a light on what is right; make best friends; give unexpectedly; and reverse the Golden Rule. We are excited to be Eastbluff bucket fillers!

Our Friday flag decks are a time to celebrate and recognize students for their individual and class successes. It is so exciting to see our students strive to be the best they can be and work together cooperatively to achieve their goals! We are so proud of our students! Parents and community members, we invite you to join us for our flag deck celebrations, which begin each Friday morning at 8:40 a.m.

Estancia *High School (9-12)*

2323 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6500



Kirk Bauermeister
Principal

Eagles Enjoying Campus Upgrades

Beginning in spring 2011, Newport-Mesa Unified School District began upgrading various facilities on the Estancia High School campus. New seats were installed, and the stage was rebuilt in the Barbara Van Holt Theater, much to the delight of Estancia High School's Production Drama program. Spectators at Estancia baseball and softball games will enjoy the new scoreboards, the concrete surface surrounding the bleachers, and the windscreens installed in the outfield.

Estancia football players are pleased with the new shade structure in their training complex, and our tennis players are excited to compete on our newly resurfaced tennis courts. Student athletes, as well as students enrolled in our Athletic Weight Training courses, are enjoying the new equipment in our weight training room donated by a fitness chain. New lighting was also installed in the main gym, a storage room was converted into a training area for our Pep Squad, the field at Jim Scott Stadium was repainted, and the track was resurfaced. Future improvement projects include the installation of player boards in the main gym, a new shade structure and donor wall in our aquatics area, and the addition of a Distinguished Alumni wall in the hallway of the school.

Early College *High School (9-12)*

2990 Mesa Verde Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/241-6108



Kathy Slawson
Principal

Off to a Great Start

We started the year with a pancake breakfast welcoming our students and parents. Many new and returning students enjoyed greeting each other with smiles and happy faces. Students commented how happy they were to be back in school. The new students were excited to begin their college experience. The older students directed new students around the campus as they walked from high school to college classes.

Soon after the start of school, we celebrated our wonderful API score of 911. ECHS is the first Newport-Mesa USD secondary school to score over 900. After examining the scores of other high schools in Orange County, it became apparent we were number three with only two other high schools scoring higher than 911.

Our student body celebrated with cake and ice cream, a fitting way to end our API celebration.



Celebrating being off to a great start!

Horace Ensign *Intermediate School (7-8)*

2000 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6910



Dr. Gloria Duncan
Principal

We're Rising Stars!

The 2011-12 school year is off to a fantastic start at Ensign. As the new principal at Ensign, I am excited about all there is to celebrate at our school.

Test scores continue to rise. Ensign students demonstrated significant increases in learning and improved on every STAR subject test and also gained 28 points on our 2011 API score. Our API number is now 848. The hard work of our students shows as Ensign is recognized as one of the top five performing schools in the district. Much of this growth can be attributed to the tremendous efforts of our faculty, staff and parent community to help our students succeed. I am optimistic that these accomplishments will continue into the future.

In addition to our already successful program offerings to help students, this year, we are continuing to add new ones to ensure student success. They include increased collaboration within our departments and new intervention programs to ensure that students are successful in all their classes.

This year also marks the addition of many new faces to Ensign. In addition to welcoming our largest seventh-grade class, we also welcome a new assistant principal and seven new teachers who share in our schoolwide commitment to student engagement and learning. In the coming months, I look forward to working with all community stakeholders in order to better serve the students of Ensign. Every student, every day, engaged in learning.

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Harbor View *Elementary (K-6)*

900 Goldenrod Ave., Corona del Mar, CA 92625 • 949/515-6940



Charlene Metoyer
Principal

New Computer Lab

With the generosity from the Harbor View Parent Faculty Organization (PFO), Harbor View was ready to go with a brand new computer lab. Thanks to the hard work over the summer by the Newport-Mesa Information Technology Department, the computers were imaged and installed by the first day of school. Special thanks go to Wayne Wescott, Lead Technology Support Technician and Christine Darnall, Harbor View Computer Lab Instructor for their Herculean efforts to make this happen so quickly.

Thirty-eight new PC computer workstations replaced the out-of-warranty and crashing older computers that had served our students well for the past four years. The new computers are networked to provide state-of-the-art access to instructional programs, word processing, spreadsheet mastery, and data storage so integral to 21st Century education. The new lab allowed the still-working lab computers to be used in the classrooms until they are scheduled to be replaced with more current computers.



Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

2130 Santa Ana Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6950



Jerry Vlasic
Principal

Thank You Volunteers

Kaiser parents and students, along with AT&T Pioneer Volunteers, painted a very colorful US map onto the Kaiser campus next to our school lunch benches. AT&T Pioneers, a volunteer group who supplies the template, paint, supplies and volunteers, painted the original US map on the Kaiser campus next to the field five years ago. Thank you, AT&T Pioneers, and all the volunteers who came out Saturday, 9/27, to paint Kaiser a new, refreshed, and colorful US map this year!



Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

3155 Killybrooke Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7945



Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

No Excuses University

At Killybrooke School, we are a No Excuses University. We promote a comprehensive model of college readiness to all students the moment they begin elementary school. Killybrooke students, staff, and parents are committed that: every child will be highly proficient in reading, writing, and math; every child will be challenged with enriching learning opportunities; and helping children develop strong character is important.

We work diligently to incorporate the message that students are college-bound. Every classroom has adopted a university and proudly displays its flag and a sign to remind the children that they will graduate from a four-year university. We start each day with a cheer to reinforce the message that "Killybrooke is College-bound."

Our students embrace the goal that they are all going to college and are beginning to consider which colleges they'd like to attend and their ultimate career goals. Maria in sixth grade wants to attend the University of Southern California or University of California, Los Angeles and become a doctor or lawyer. Aidan in fourth grade wants to attend Ohio State and become an inventor. Angel in fourth grade plans to attend Chapman University and wants to be the president of the United States. Brianna in first grade isn't sure where she wants to attend college yet, but she wants to be a zookeeper.

At Killybrooke, we are proud to help motivate children to excel in their education today and connect their success to their goals for higher education and careers.



Jane Holm
Principal

Kindness

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. —Mark Twain

The theme at Lincoln School this year is kindness. After all, if we all treated each other with kindness every day, we would all have a much better day. The Lincoln students, staff and community have embraced our theme and are reaching out to be kind and helpful to others. Students discussed how to act with kindness on the playground and in the classrooms. The Lincoln PTA organized

a Red Cross blood drive honoring Patriot's Day, where community and staff members joined together to collect enough blood to save 87 lives. Students discussed the kindness and courage that in the aftermath of 9/11 brought our country together. The Lincoln sixth grade is collecting canned goods for SOS (Save Our Selves). We are building a cohesive community through kindness. We know it will be a great year!



Lincoln community volunteers at blood drive honoring 9/11.

Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

2100 Mariners Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6960



Pam Coughlin
Principal

Skill and Character Go Hand in Hand

Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success was the focus of Mariner's Elementary School's first assembly. Grades three through sixth were treated to a demonstration from USC's champion tennis coach, Peter Smith. The three-time national champion brought his sons Colter, 10, and Riley, 14, to exhibit the skills taught to them by their dad.

As the tennis match progressed, Coach Smith revealed how he intertwined his players' skills with the building blocks of success. He shared that skills aren't enough and that character counts big time on his tennis team. In fact, he has refused to accept players if their characters didn't match what he feels builds a national championship team. Some of these 15 character building blocks are hard work, enthusiasm, loyalty and cooperation, self-control, confidence and team spirit. Colter and Riley shared their favorite blocks that helped build them to their personal best: confidence and determination.

A highlight of the assembly was the female teachers in their high heels, playing doubles. The students were impressed with the teachers' skill as well. Mariner's has been using the book *Inch and Miles* to teach Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success since Pat McLaughlin brought the program to the school in 2003. Since then, it has spread to one third of the other schools in the district. The students are fortunate to have this resource at Mariners. Top-notch learning and excellent manners go hand in hand to create well-rounded and grounded students.

Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

1327 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6965



Amy Nagy
Principal

Off to An Awesome Start

Staff and students are off to an AWESOME start. Coming off a 23 point gain in our API and seeing great results across grade levels and subgroups, we're thrilled to see our hard work is paying off! We will continue to focus instruction based on assessment results. The staff works collaboratively to identify essential learning objectives and refines their teaching to meet student needs. They collectively participate in professional development to increase their capacity by building their content and pedagogical skills. Staff, students and parents are working together to improve



Even our youngest students are involved in our writing workshops. Here, Joey Keane, kindergarten student, works in his writing notebook.

student achievement. New this year, we've added an additional block of math instruction to our fifth and sixth grade schedules. We are also excited about the addition of two, 45 minute periods a week where the whole school will be involved in writing workshops; building a community of writers and giving students opportunities to participate in meaningful and authentic literacy.

Newport Coast *Elementary (K-6)*

6655 Ridge Park Road, Newport Coast, CA 92657 • 949/515-6975



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Good Collaboration is Key

The Newport Coast Elementary School's staff members, parents and community are all part of a strong professional learning community.

Our school's mission or purpose is to see to it that each student will achieve at a high level. With this approach to teaching and learning we have seen some tremendous success. There are a number of reasons for this, too. One area that has been essential to our achievement is teacher collaboration.

When teachers are able to meet regularly and collaborate together, students benefit. Collaboration provides uniformity across grade levels and strong idea-sharing between grade-level teacher-colleagues. Student goals can be created collectively; the students can be known by each of the grade-level teachers; and the instruction itself can be fine-tuned to each individual child based upon their specific assessment scores.

The teachers can also easily discuss student work with each other, and can make collective decisions about how to best ensure a high level of learning for each child.

Our Newport Coast school culture was transformed after we accepted this "collective responsibility" for our students' learning. And research has shown that the collective responsibility for students has been identified as the one factor with the most significant impact on a school's ability to improve student learning (National High School Alliance, 2003).

So all of the stakeholders at Newport Coast Elementary School – students, staff, parents, and the community – benefit from our new culture of collaboration.

Newport Heights *Elementary (K-6)*

300 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6970



Kathleen Jaquin
Principal

SMART Notebook Training

At the end of the 2011 school year Newport Heights had the pleasure of hosting a series of SMART Notebook trainings over the course of three days. The training was hosted in the lab and was attended by educators from around Southern California along with a few police officers receiving training for mobile command units. The Heights is pleased to share that we will have the privilege of again hosting another series of trainings in the month of October for SMART's Response System. This year the trainings will be held



in our newly upgraded computer lab. Thirty-eight new desktops have been placed in the lab. Newport Heights will also be expanding its one-to-one laptop program into 5th grade. This year all 5th and 6th grade students will be working on HP Netbooks inside the classroom. Thanks to the Newport Heights Foundation for our new lab and laptops.

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A Lifetime Gift

By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

Norman Cousins, the editor and writer for the *Saturday Review*, once said that, "There is a simple, non-medical technique for increasing longevity. This system goes by the name of "book."

Public libraries are dedicated to providing these "books," plus so much more! Educated people know that to live life to the fullest, or earn a living, or understand the complicated world in which we live in, we must read. Reading is a lifetime gift to oneself, and a literate, educated populace is what our future depends upon and which must be our national goal.

The Costa Mesa Library Foundation understands the importance of great libraries, and is dedicated to building a new, state-of-the-art one for our community. Libraries will always play a vital role in education. They work hand-in-hand with our local school districts as well as serve as much-needed intellectual centers of communities.

Libraries also help build a community's capacity for economic activity and resiliency. They are logical partners for the kind of local economic development initiatives that focus on people and quality-of-life issues. And, they are our centers for reading!

The Foundation is interested in cultivating support for this new library, and would appreciate the opportunity to speak at any event to which we are invited!

For more information, please visit our Web site or write to the Costa Mesa Library Foundation.



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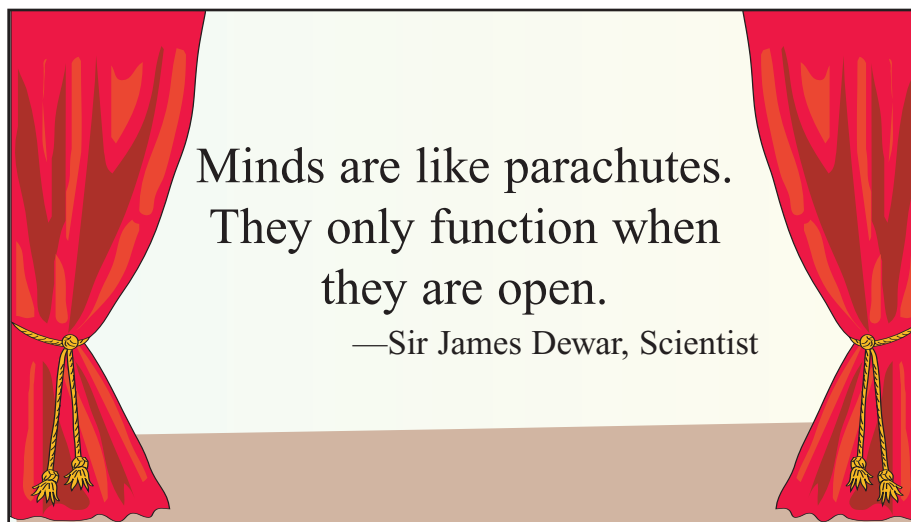
Evelyn Rogers
Children's Librarian

The Newport Beach Public Library has a super fall program lineup. May "The Force" be with you at the Mariners Branch on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3-4. Join us for an afternoon of games, crafts, story times and other Star Wars fun! Online registration begins one month prior to the event.

Enjoy some Halloween fun at two NBPL branches this month. The Ghosts, Ghouls and Jack-O'-Lanterns Craft Club will get creative on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the Corona del Mar Branch. More not-too-spooky fun is in store at Spooktacular Fun and Crafts at the Balboa Branch on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

November programs are about adventure! Come to the Mariners Branch on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. for Dinosaurs! Stories, crafts and activities center on everyone's favorite prehistoric creatures. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m., it's Superheroes! Wear a cape, be a hero, have a super-marvelous time at this creative superhero action event in the Central Library Friends Room. And finally, traditional stories come to life at Folk and Fairy Tale Fun at the Balboa Branch on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m.

Important notice: The Central Library will be closed until Sunday, Oct. 30, due to construction work on the main stairway and upstairs area. The Friends Meeting Room will be open for scheduled events, and the lobby area will be open to pick up holds and drop off books. During this time, the Mariners, Balboa and Corona del Mar branches will be open for their regular hours.



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Stacy deBoom-Howard
Principal

Welcome Back!

We have had a great start to the 2011-2012 school year! As we continue our theme of "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Attitudes," the staff, students, and parents will work together to meet the needs of each Panther.

We are focusing on supporting our students making good choices with the revamping of our Panther Paws character education program. Each month we will be focusing on the selected trait at flag deck, in the classroom, and all around campus. The fall character traits are respect, responsibility and good decisions.

Students can earn Panther Paws anywhere on campus by showing they are practicing our traits. Each time a student receives one, he or she has the option to put it in one of five boxes. Students can choose to be the lunch leader for the week, help in the office, enjoy lunch with the principal, and more. The drawings are held on Fridays at flag deck.

We are also continuing our flag recognition program at flag deck each week. Classes can earn flags for working hard in class and exhibiting great behavior at lunch, on the playground, and during music, science and physical education. Our goal is for all students to be good friends and learn to be in charge of their own behavior.

PTA is getting ready for another great year, packed with fun events for our Panther families. These include: our first hoe down; Skate Night; dinners around town; Red Ribbon Week, a barbecue; Ceramic Night; the Holiday Sing-a-Long and so much more!

Everett A. Rea *Elementary (K-6)*

661 Hamilton Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6905



Dr. Anna Corral
Principal

Off to a Great Start!

Rea Elementary School is off to a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. It promises to be a very exciting year with our very "Capable, Talented, and Intelligent Students." Our Parent Center will be reopening at the end of September. Last year we had over 1000 hours of classes and workshops offered to our parent community. In October we will hold our 2nd annual Jog-a-thon! Last year we raised over \$9000 for our school, and our goal this year is \$20,000. Students are excited and ready to meet the challenge. In September we held our Back to School Night that was well attended by our community. Thank you for all the families that supported the PTA fundraiser.

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Michael Vossen
Principal

Students Share Culinary Skills

Four of Newport Harbor High's Culinary Arts Students, Kelly Hackett, Marcus McGee, Michelle Edwards and Marisa Mendez, along with their teacher, Janet Dukes, participated in an event at a local consulting firm. The firm holds an annual conference for their employees, which includes a team-building event. This year's team building event was an Iron Chef Team cooking competition. According to the company's employees it was not only the best team building event they can remember, but they were very impressed with the student's professionalism.

Mrs. Dukes and her students participated as advisors and assistants to the cooking teams. Not only was it a wonderful experience for the company employees, but the students also got something very positive out of it. They were given the chance to interact with professional engineers and scientists and most importantly share their culinary skills.



Pomona *Elementary (K-5)*

2051 Pomona Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6980



Megan Elsten Brown
Principal

You Can Get There from Here

In September, a large school bus departed the Pomona Elementary parking lot. Destination: University of Southern California. The bus was filled with four teachers, two principals, one parent, 33 sixth-graders from Pomona and Rea, and lots of questions. How do we get there? How many years is college? Do the students live there, and where do they eat? And, Are we there yet? The bus ride up was abuzz with conversations about college entrance requirements, the difference between a dream school and a safety school, and teachers sharing university success stories about former Pomona students.

From Pomona to the USC main campus, to Heritage Hall to see Heisman trophies, to a visit to an actual lecture hall, to the stacks in the library, and finally, to a real college football game with all the pageantry and spirit that USC is famous for—as the exhausted school bus pulled into the Pomona parking lot, full of gratitude for the generosity and hard work of Mr. Williams, the USC athletic department Pete Meslin, director of N-MUSD transportation, the students had a much clearer answer to the question "How do we get there?"

We can get there from here.

Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

966 Sonora Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7955



Christine Anderson
Principal

Sonora Test Scores Rock Again!

The Sonora Staff, Students and Parents are committed to creating a school that knows no limits to the academic success of ALL students! By working collaboratively, holding high expectations for student achievement, analyzing data and helping students set personal academic goals, Sonora Students are achieving academic success! The Sonora Staff believes that all students should be ready for college and the work force so Sonora students know that they are College Bound and accept no excuses for anything less than academic and personal excellence! Sonora School is proud of all of their accomplishments and especially when it comes to student achievement and academic success! Sonora's API (Academic Performance Index) rose 28 points to an overall API score of 834! Sonora staff was recently recognized at a district Board Meeting for being one of the top 5 schools in the district for API growth.



Whittier *Elementary (K-5)*

1800 Whittier Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6990



Tracey Carter
Principal

Starting Off Right

The annual back-to-school frenzy brings excitement and chaos as we balance family and work demands. Establishing schedules and new routines can create stress for even the most organized families. During a Lunch and Learn presentation by Dr. Rice from the Atlas Wellness Center in Newport Beach, teachers from Whittier School learned techniques for managing stress so we stay healthy and energized, allowing us to bring our top game to Newport Mesa students!

Good nutritional habits, exercise, relaxation and good sleep routines keep our bodies in balance so life's "little things" don't become debilitating. Stress-related illnesses, such as heart attacks, strokes, and chronic illnesses, can be mitigated by practicing good habits that support our body's natural defense mechanisms.

Stress is not limited to adults. Children also experience the stress of getting to know new teachers, making new friends, and trying to attain performance goals. Teachers include stress reduction lessons for children through programs such as our excellent Harvest of the Month fruit and vegetable samplings. Students learn the benefits of a well balanced diet and daily exercise.

Thirty third-graders are getting an additional boost this year through participation the Earn a Bike program pilot sponsored by Hoag Hospital and the YMCA. The students stay after school for an hour each day and participate in aerobic activity and nutrition education. Parents are encouraged to join their children in planning and preparing healthy meals. Students who complete the eight-week program will receive bicycles to help them continue to incorporate daily exercise into their lives.

Whittier School wishes everyone a healthy new school year!

Charles W. Tewinkle

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Commemorating 9/11

By Gabriela Hernandez, Student, TMS Times

On September 9, TeWinkle Middle School students commemorated the lives lost in the 9/11 tragedy by tying red, white and blue ribbons on the fence and having a guest speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles K. Eckoff, talk about that tragic day.

TeWinkle students tied ribbons on our fence to represent lives lost on 9/11. Some students tied red ribbons to represent lives lost at the World Trade Center, blue ribbons for lives lost on the three airplanes and white ribbons for lives lost at the Pentagon. At the end of the day, the fence was covered with ribbons. Students also showed their respect by wearing red, white and blue.

Later on, TeWinkle had an assembly in Boswell Hall. The guest speaker, Sergeant Eckoff, talked about that tragic day. He also told students about his job in the Marines.

TeWinkle was proud to commemorate the lives lost as well as the families and the survivors of September 11.



TeWinkle's 9/11 student assembly speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles K. Eckoff (the only Marine on active duty with three Bronze stars) with the staff of TMS Times, the student publication.

Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Linda Tenno
Principal

A New Beginning

On Tuesday, September 6, we were excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students to our wonderful school. The day began by sharing a story with the children and their parents, and then sending the teary-eyed parents on their way. There were no tears shed by our fearless and excited kindergarteners. They were ready to start what we hope will be a fantastic and successful academic career at Victoria Elementary. Students were able to sing songs, meet new friends, and explore their new classrooms. Before we knew it, it was time to say goodbye and end our first day with our new classes. We are looking forward to a very exciting year!





Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

A Busy Season

At Wilson, we try to focus every day on three questions that relate to our learning community: is it respectful, is it responsible, and is it safe?

Last month we kicked off the school year with a special Wildcat Rally and student safety presentation. Our third- and fourth-graders shared examples of respectful, responsible and safe activities. We also unveiled a new recognition called the Wildcat Award. It will focus on the students who shine in these areas.

Wilson students are definitely “going green.” That’s because they are joining the Green Schools program! This year we will try to be good energy savers. We are going to see that our students are heroic in their energy-saving efforts. This is another wonderful way to engage our students with good leadership opportunities.

A couple of other schoolwide events have kept us busy. The Nutrition Olympics in September engaged our students in fun, enriching activities related to nutrition and sports. The children rotated through stations like coconut bowling and fruit shot-put. We can thank our parent volunteers, staff members, students and Nutrition Services for making this possible.

Our Back to School Night continues to be a popular event. The staff always looks forward to meet and greet parents and discuss classroom expectations, special events and the curriculum. We are always pleased with the great turnout of smiling faces.

Next month we will have our parent-teacher conferences and even more opportunities to recognize our Wildcats. Wilson continues to be a place where all students are welcome and all students succeed.



Lauren Medve
Principal

A California Green School

Woodland Elementary is pleased to announce that we are a California Green School! This year we will be working hard to address the sharp budget cuts in education, increasing energy costs, and the environmental threats associated with climate change by increasing the energy efficiency at our school and your homes. Our goal is to empower students to tackle the environmental challenges of the future through energy efficiency education.


As a Green School our goals are twofold:

1. Educate students about energy efficiency, and
2. Save energy in schools.

To reach these goals, the program will focus on empowering school staff and students to:

- Save money by reducing energy costs,
- Build pathways to green jobs for students of all backgrounds,
- Integrate energy efficiency into science and math lesson that encourage student leadership,
- Protect the environment through cooperative, school-wide behavior, operations and maintenance changes, and Promote retrofits of more efficient equipment and appliances.

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Water Play & Safety: Drowning Prevention

By Linda Natzmer, School Nurse

Swimming and playing in water can give your child much pleasure and healthy exercise. However, each year many young children drown in swimming pools and other bodies of water. It only takes a few moments for a child to get into trouble with the unintended consequence of drowning. Take time to make sure your home is safe and you have measures in place to prevent a drowning accident. Include these items in your home safety review: Bathtubs, buckets and pails, ice chests with melted ice, toilets, pools, hot tubs/spas, and fish ponds/fountains.

Steps to prevent children from drowning include:

- Provide constant and direct supervision when children are near water.
- Never leave small children alone or in the care of another child while in or near pools, bathtubs, or around open standing water.
- Don't let young children and children who cannot swim use inflatable toys unless an adult is supervising.
- Teach your child to swim.
- Always use a life jacket when boating, fishing, or playing in rivers or streams.
- Always close the toilet lid and keep the bathroom door closed.
- Empty buckets, pails, and bathtubs completely after each use – do not leave these items filled and unattended.
- Use a rigid, lockable cover on hot tubs and spas or fence in all sides as you would a swimming pool.
- Learn CPR and know how to get emergency help.

District Transportation

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Pete Meslin
Director

Bus Passes

School has started, and we are well on the way to another great year!

Each day, more than five dozen buses pick up and deliver approximately 5,000 students to school, all safe and ready to learn. One of the most critical parts of this transportation puzzle is the ability to identify each and every student.

To assist in this process, we use both bus passes and detailed route manifests. Although it may seem like an unnecessary burden, requiring a new bus pass from each student every year is essential to a safe and efficient operation.

Bus passes help our drivers and substitutes make sure that every student receives the proper service. For this reason we require a pass for all of our bused students regardless of their school or educational program.

During the summer, our office staff receives, verifies, enters, generates and distributes the majority of these student bus passes. Staff members Sylvia, Jeannie and Jeanne see to it that our students receive their passes before the first week of school.

Hundreds of other applications are received and processed once the school year begins. These passes are sent to the school sites during the first two weeks of class. This year, beginning on September 20, our drivers began requiring the passes.

The school bus is the safest form of ground transportation available. Timely and accurate information from our parents and on-site staff members is how we are able to maintain this remarkable record. Thank you so much for your help.



English Language Learners

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Karen Kendall
Director

We are Focusing on Our English Learners

Focus on DELAC: We are busily preparing for the first DELAC (District English Learners' Advisory Committee) meeting of the year, which will be held at Lindbergh School in the MPR on Thursday, Oct.20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Focus on CELDT: The California English Language Development Test, or CELDT, is given to each continuing English Learner annually during September or October. The CELDT measures the ELs progress in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Thus, we are scheduling our site support for the CELDT Annual. We are delighted that we can also offer additional support to schools highly impacted with first graders who need the CELDT Annual administered one-to-one in all four areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Focus on NCLB Annual Placement Notification: We ensure that each parent/guardian of an English Learner receives an NCLB Annual Placement Notification. In this document, the parent is informed of the English Learner's progress on both the CST and the CELDT. We also provide information about our reclassification criteria. This helpful document (also translated into Spanish) needs to be in the hands of parents/guardians within thirty days of school starting, and we will achieve that timeline!

Focus on FOCUS: The English Learner Department is very committed to our goals of simplicity, clarity and priority. We are very happy to begin a new school year with laser-like focus on student achievement for all English Learners!

School Readiness

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Peggy Nguyen
Coordinator
Early Childhood
Education

An Exciting and Successful Beginning

The start of a new school year has been incredibly exciting and successful. We are pleased to have welcomed close to 700 3-year old and 4-year old students to our preschool programs at College Park, Davis, Harbor View, Killybrooke, Paularino, Pomona, Rea, Sonora, Whittier and Wilson.

Before the start of school with students, teachers began with professional development days focusing on thematic planning and an integrated curriculum. Our seasoned teachers were all very exciting to enhance their classroom practices to ensure all students' needs will be addressed.

Parents have also been participating in the Parent and Child Together (PaCT) time in the classrooms. PaCT time provides parents with an opportunity to spend the first 15 minutes of the day with their preschooler doing literacy, math and art activities, singing, reading and watching the teacher demonstrate lessons they are focusing on in the classroom.



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protect personal identity information, creating strong passwords, and being cautious when downloading programs and files are crucial to the safety and security of the digital devices kids use, as well as the information those devices store. Otherwise, kids can expose themselves and their families to digital threats like computer viruses, data and identity theft, and hacking.

What should parents know about online privacy?

Our kids live in a culture of sharing that has forever changed the concept of privacy. In a world where everyone is connected and anything created can get copied, pasted, and sent to thousands of people in a heartbeat, privacy starts to mean something different than simply guarding personal or private information. Each time your child fills out a profile without privacy controls, comments on something, posts a video, or texts a picture of themselves to friends, they potentially reveal themselves to the world. New technologies make controlling privacy even more challenging. With GPS-enabled cell phones and location-sharing programs, kids can post their whereabouts. This information can go out to friends, strangers, and companies who will show them ads targeted to their location.

Why does online privacy matter?

Digital life is very public and often permanent. If kids don't protect their privacy, what they do online will create digital footprints that wander and persist. Something that happens on the spur of the moment – a funny picture, a certain post – can resurface years later. And if kids aren't careful, their reputations can get away from them and third parties – like marketers or potential employers – can access what kids thought was private information. In today's world, college admissions, scholarships, and future employment opportunities could be denied because of something found on a social networking site such as Facebook.

What can parents and kids do to protect their privacy?

Explain that nothing is really private. No matter what kids think. Even privacy settings aren't infallible. It's up to kids to protect themselves by thinking twice before they post something that could damage their reputation or that someone else could use to embarrass or hurt them.

Teach kids to keep personal information to themselves. Help kids define what information is important for them to keep private when they're online. We recommend that kids not share their addresses, phone numbers, or birth dates.

Remind kids to protect their friends' privacy. Passing along a rumor or identifying someone in a picture (called "tagging") affects their privacy. If your kids are tagged in friends' photos, they can ask to have the photos or the tags removed. But there's not too much they can do beyond that.

Make sure your kids use privacy settings on their social network pages. Encourage kids to really think about the nature of their relationships (close friends, family, acquaintances, strangers) and adjust their privacy settings accordingly.

Don't let teens use location sharing. Programs like Facebook's Places, Loopt, and Foursquare let kids tell people exactly where they are. This makes them vulnerable to unwelcome personal contact, and it gives marketers personal information.

No filling out questionnaires, free giveaway offers, or contest applications. Companies use them to scrape kids' information and use it to market directly to them.

Make sure kids look for the "opt out" buttons. When kids use a site or download an app, they often must accept the company's privacy policy – which might not be very private. Many sites have opt out options that stop third parties from collecting information.

When in doubt, check it out. Before letting your kid sign up for anything, make sure you know the facts. Do your homework, because in this connected culture, where information is constantly being bought and sold, you can never be too careful.

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estas conexiones pueden implicar un enorme costo si los niños y adolescentes no tienen cuidado. Aprender a proteger la información de la identidad personal, crear contraseñas seguras y ser prudente al descargar programas y archivos es muy importante para la seguridad y protección de los dispositivos digitales que usan los niños y adolescentes y también de la información almacenada en ellos. De lo contrario, los niños y adolescentes pueden exponerse y exponer a sus familias a amenazas digitales como virus informáticos, robo de datos e identidad y piratería informática.

¿Qué es lo que deben saber los padres acerca de la privacidad en Internet?

Nuestros niños viven en una cultura en la que todo se comparte y esto ha cambiado el concepto de la privacidad de manera permanente. En un mundo en el que todos están conectados y todo lo que se ha creado puede cortarse, copiarse y mandarse a miles de personas en un segundo, la privacidad empieza a tener un significado diferente a lo que anteriormente se consideraba mantener la información personal y privada. Cada que su niño llena un perfil electrónico de información sin controles de privacidad, comenta acerca de alguna cosa, coloca un video o manda un mensaje de texto con su foto, potencialmente, todo esto se podría difundir a todo mundo. Las nuevas tecnologías hacen aun más difícil poder controlar la privacidad. Los teléfonos celulares con rastreador GPS y los programas para compartir ubicación dan la habilidad de comunicar dónde se encuentra el niño. Esta información se puede compartir con amistades, desconocidos y compañías que les mandarán anuncios a su ubicación específica.

¿Por qué es importante mantener su privacidad digital?

La vida digital es muy pública y a menudo permanente. Si los niños no protegen su privacidad, lo que hacen en el ciberespacio podría crear huellas digitales que podrían circular y hacerse permanentes. Algo que a uno le parece humorístico en el momento, como una foto o un mensaje, podría resurgir años más tarde. Si los niños no tienen cuidado, su reputación podría caer en las manos de terceras partes como compañías de publicidad o futuros empleadores, los cuales pueden tener acceso a información que los niños pensaban era privada. En el mundo actual se podría negar la admisión a una universidad o colegio, becas y oportunidades de empleo futuras debido a algo que se pudiera encontrar en una red social de comunicación como Facebook.

Consejos para los padres y niños para proteger su privacidad

Explíqueles que nada es realmente "privado" en el ciberespacio. No importa lo que los niños piensen. Ni aun los controles de privacidad son infalibles. Los niños son los únicos que pueden protegerse a sí mismos pensando bien, antes de publicar algo, si lo que quieren colocar/revelar podría dañar su reputación o si otra persona podría usarlo para avergonzarlos o hacerles daño.

Enséñeles que no deben compartir su información personal. Ayude a los niños a determinar cuál es la información importante que deben mantener privada cuando están usando las comunicaciones electrónicas. Les recomendamos que los niños no den a conocer su dirección, números telefónicos o fechas de nacimiento.

Recuérdelos a sus niños que protejan la privacidad de sus amigos. Repetir un rumor o identificar a alguien por su nombre en una foto (conocido como "tagging") afecta su privacidad. Si se identifica el nombre de sus niños por medio de tagging en las fotos de sus amigos, pueden pedirles que quiten las fotos o su nombre. Pero en realidad, esto es todo lo que pueden hacer.

Asegúrese de que sus niños usen la configuración de privacidad en sus propias páginas Web en las redes sociales. Recomiende a los niños que analicen bien la naturaleza de sus amistades (buenos amigos, miembros de la familia o parientes conocidos, personas conocidas o desconocidos) y se basen en esto para determinar las configuraciones de privacidad.

No permita que los adolescentes usen el servicio de ubicación. Los programas como Facebook's Places, Loopt, y Foursquare permiten a los niños publicar su ubicación exacta. Esto los hace vulnerables al contacto con personas no deseadas y les proporciona información personal a las compañías de publicidad.

Recomiéndelos que no llenen cuestionarios, ofrecimientos de cosas gratis o solicitudes para concursos. Hay compañías que usan estas estrategias para sacarles información a los niños y luego la utilizan para tratar de comerciar con ellos directamente.

Asegúrese de que los niños sepan dónde se encuentran los botones "opt out" (no desea esa opción). Cuando los niños usan una página Web o descargan/bajan un servicio "app", a menudo deben aceptar la política de privacidad de la compañía, la cual podría no ser de alta privacidad. Muchas páginas Web dan la opción para que no se permita que terceras partes puedan recolectar información.

Cuando tenga dudas, edúquese. Antes de permitir que su niño se inscriba/use algún servicio, asegúrese de conocer todos lo que esto involucra. Manténgase informado ya que en esta cultura de "conexiones" donde hay compra y venta constante de información, nunca se puede ser demasiado cuidadoso.

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